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AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Will maintain contact with WILLIAM SOMERSETT,  
former Miami 607-C (RAC). u

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AT QUITMAN AND VALDOSTA, GEORGIA

Will follow activities of JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER  
in connection with his forming the Constitutional American  
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Atlanta has no Bureau approved Thumbnail Sketch of the Constitution Party of the United States or the Constitutional American Parties of the United States. WILLIAM SOMERSETT, former Miami 607-C (RAC) advised MILTEER became disillusioned with the Constitution Party of the United States after attending a convention of this party at Indianapolis, Indiana, during October, 1963. Because of this MILTEER allegedly stated he was forming the Constitutional American Parties of the United States. 4

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**Synopsis:** JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER was born 2/26/02, at Quitman, Ga., and presently lives at Quitman and Valdosta, Ga. MILTEER is a wealthy bachelor who inherited an estimated \$200,000 from his father's estate. He has no family, no employment, and spends a great deal of time travelling throughout the Southeast. MILTEER has been unsuccessful in city politics at Quitman and publishes a weekly pamphlet criticizing the operation of the Quitman City Government. MILTEER has associated himself with the Constitution Party of the U. S. and attended a convention of this party held at Indianapolis, Ind., during October, 1963. He was reprimanded by this party for describing himself as being the party regional chairman for the Southeastern states. MILTEER became disillusioned with the Constitution Party of the U. S. and has attempted to form a party known as the Constitutional American Parties of the U. S. MILTEER allegedly intends to use the Constitutional American Parties of the U. S. as a front to form a hard core underground for possible violence in combating integration. MILTEER, on 11/9/63, was in a conversation concerning the possible assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. MILTEER, on interview, admitted being a member of the White Citizens Council, Atlanta, Ga., Congress of Freedom, and the Constitution Party of the U. S. He denied making threats to assassinate the President of the U. S. or participating in the President's assassination. 4 MILTEER REPORTEDLY CARRIES A .38 CALIBER REVOLVER IN HIS CAR WHEN TRAVELLING AND CAUTION SHOULD BE USED IN EVENT MILTEER IS CONTACTED.

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Birthdate

MILTEER, on November 27, 1963, advised he was born on February 26, 1902, at Quitman, Georgia. Records, Brooks County Health Department, and Brooks County Ordinary, Quitman, as examined on January 7, 1964, contained no record of MILTEER's birth. Records, Quitman High School, Quitman, Georgia, contain no birth data for MILTEER.

B. Citizenship Status

born at Quitman, Georgia

C. Education

Graduated from Quitman High School, Quitman, Georgia, in 1921.

D. Marital Status

Single

E. Military Service

MILTEER not known to have been in the Armed Forces of the United States.

F. Credit and Identification

— ELEANOR L. POWERS, Credit Bureau of Brooks County, Quitman, Georgia, on September 24, 1962, advised she is personally acquainted with JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER, who lives at the corner of Lafayette and Clay Streets, Quitman. MILTEER is considered to be an eccentric person and very little is known concerning his activities. He is approximately sixty years old and lives alone in a large run-down house. Very little is known concerning his background, but he was brought up in Quitman. His parents are deceased and he has no other relatives living in this area. It is rumored that MILTEER has lived in California and in the vicinity of Washington, D. C., where he operated some kind of concession around military reservations.

MILTEER has never bought anything on credit and does most of his buying in Valdosta, Georgia. MILTEER is a very frugal person and his net worth is estimated to be in excess of \$200,000. His father died approximately one year ago, leaving him a substantial amount of money and property. It has been rumored that MILTEER has made large deposits of money at banks in Jacksonville, Florida. During May, 1962, MILTEER sold the city of Quitman property for which he received \$20,000 in cash.

POWERS advised a short time ago she visited the Municipal Airport at Valdosta, Georgia. During this visit, she observed MILTEER hauling mail from the airport to the Post Office in Valdosta. She did not know whether he was an employee of the Post Office or whether he had a contract to haul mail. Other than the above, he is seemingly unemployed.

During the past few years, MILTEER has been a constant fault-finder in the management of the City of Quitman. He digs up insignificant things that have not been done properly by city officials and publishes a small leaflet criticizing the city administration. He does not have any close friends and she had never heard of him meeting with any group or organization.

POWERS advised MILTEER is single and lives alone. There have been rumors that he was an associate of a woman in Valdosta, Georgia, but POWERS did not know the identity of this woman. She also heard that MILTEER was once arrested by the Valdosta, Georgia Police Department. Apparently nothing ever came of this arrest since MILTEER has never served a prison sentence to her knowledge. POWERS did not know the nature of the above arrest.

Records of the Credit Bureau of Brooks County, Quitman, Georgia, and the Credit Bureau of Valdosta, Valdosta, Georgia, as examined on January 7, 1964, revealed nothing in addition to the above information.

Chief WILLIAM R. ELLIOTT, Quitman, Georgia Police Department, on September 24, 1962, and January 7, 1964, advised MILTEER has no identification record with this department. U

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Records of the Valdosta, Georgia Police Department show MILTEER was arrested on January 29, 1955, on suspicion of burglary and was released. He was fingerprinted on January 29, 1955, by the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office, Valdosta, Georgia, Number 1153.

The Identification Division, on December 2, 1963, advised its records contained a duplicate of the above fingerprint card and has no additional identification record for MILTEER.

#### G. Employment

MILTEER has no known employment at the present time. ELEANOR L. POWERS, Credit Bureau of Brooks County, Quitman, Georgia, advised MILTEER allegedly operated concessions in the vicinity of military reservations in the past. She could furnish no specific information concerning this employment.

Confidential Informant AT T-2, on November 9, 1963, advised MILTEER claimed to have been employed for three and one-half years around the United States Supreme Court, Washington, D. C. T-2 could furnish no specific information concerning this alleged employment.

~ ~ J. A. McLEOD, Postmaster, Valdosta, Georgia, on January 7, 1964, advised that around 1962 J. P. COFIELD, Valdosta, Georgia, had a contract to haul mail from the Municipal Airport, Valdosta, Georgia, to the Valdosta Post Office. COFIELD was ill for two or three months during 1962 and had MILTEER substitute for him in hauling the above mail. COFIELD no longer has the above contract.

#### H. Residence

1. Corner of Clay and Lafayette Streets,  
Quitman, Georgia
2. In care of Mrs. C. C. COFIELD  
212 South Troup Street  
Valdosta, Georgia

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I. Physical Description

The following is a physical description of MILTEER as obtained by interview and observation on November 27, 1963:

Name	JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'4"
Weight	160 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Gray, partially thinning
Complexion	Ruddy
Characteristics	Wears glasses with metal frame; heavy waistline, small, round shouldered; nearly always unshaven, short gray stub with about two days growth, shabby dresser, wears old-fashioned clothes; tan hunting type cap; short legged; most of height from waist upward
Relatives	None known
FBI Number	None

J. Make and Model of Automobile

1. 1962 gray Volvo, 1963 Georgia license 61-D 226

— Records of the Brooks County Tax Collector, Quitman, Georgia, show 1963 Georgia 61-D 226 was issued February 22, 1963, to J. A. MILTEER, North Clay Street, Quitman, Georgia, for use on a 1962 Volvo, two-door sedan, Vehicle Identification Number 141502678.

2. 1963 Volkswagen station wagon, 1963 Georgia license 11D 2762

Records of the Lowndes County Tax Collector, Valdosta, Georgia, show 1963 Georgia license 11-D 2762 was issued on August 15, 1963, to JOE MILTEER, 212 South Troup Street, Valdosta, Georgia, for use on a 1963 Volkswagen station wagon, model 221, Vehicle Identification Number 1043319. This Volkswagen was purchased on August 15, 1963, from Pipkins Motors, Inc., North Ashley Street, Valdosta, Georgia.

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EMMETT PIPKINS, Pipkins Motors, Inc., North Ashley Street, Valdosta, Georgia, on January 8, 1964, advised that MILTEER, on November 26, 1963, traded the above 1963 Volkswagen station wagon for a 1964 Volkswagen station wagon, Vehicle Identification Number 1185675, Motor Number 0312846. At the time of this trade MILTEER listed his address as 212 South Troup Street, Valdosta, Georgia. The Volkswagen which is turquoise and white in color, bore no license place when observed by FBI Agents on November 27, 1963.

K. Photograph

MILTEER was photographed by FBI Agents on November 27, 1963, and copies of this photograph are maintained by Atlanta.

L. Special Abilities

MILTEER is a prolific writer and is the author of numerous pamphlets which he distributes himself.

MILTEER reportedly carries a .38 caliber revolver in his car when travelling.

M. Associates

Chief WILLIAM R. ELLIOTT, Quitman, Georgia, Police Department, advised MILTEER is well known to all persons in Quitman. MILTEER is considered eccentric and has no close associates in this city.

MILTEER is closely associated with a known prostitute, Mrs. C. C. COFIELD, 212 South Troup Street, Valdosta, Georgia, and spends a great deal of his time at the above address.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH HATE-TYPE ORGANIZATIONS

Confidential Informant AT T-1, on May 18, 1962, made available to Atlanta a leaflet captioned "The Last Days of the Republic, Urgent Call to All White Christian Voters in Georgia" signed "G. Seals Aiken, Chairman and Founder, Constitution Party of Georgia, 1104-5 First National Bank Building, Atlanta, Georgia" and "J. A. (JOE) MILTEER, Organization Director, Constitution Party of Georgia, Quitman, Georgia."

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This pamphlet urged persons to attend a meeting at the Red Barn, Highway 80, Macon, Georgia, on May 20, 1962. It urged "White Christians, Believing in White Supremacy, Believing Communism Is the Work of the Anti-Christian, and Believing It Is Entirely Up to White Christians to Recapture Control Of Our State and Return to Solvency" to attend and organize a "White Christian American Grass Roots Movement."

AT T-1, on July 17, 1962, advised the above meeting was attended by approximately fifteen unidentified persons from Quitman, Georgia. Approximately eight persons from Macon, Georgia, attended. The meeting was a flop. ~~RALPH LINDSEY, Organizer, White Citizens Council for the Betterment of America, Macon, Georgia~~, sent word to this meeting of the Constitution Party that the people of Macon were organized and that this party was not necessary and was not wanted in Macon.

Chief WILLIAM R. ELLIOTT, Quitman, Georgia, Police Department, on September 24, 1962, advised he has been acquainted with MILTEER for approximately ten years. He described MILTEER as being an "agitator" who spends his time finding fault with the administration of the City of Quitman. MILTEER makes a big to-do about his criticism and prints a leaflet which he distributes among the residents of Quitman. MILTEER has no close associates and Chief ELLIOTT has never known him to meet with any group of people. His father and mother are dead and he has no relatives in this area. He lives alone in a large run-down house and is considered eccentric.

MILTEER is considered to be well off financially although he is very frugal in his living habits. He generally drives a foreign made automobile and visits Jacksonville, Florida, frequently. During city elections in Quitman MILTEER talks about a third party but very few people pay any attention to him. MILTEER has been defeated on several occasions in his efforts to become a City Commissioner in Quitman.

Confidential Informant AT T-2, on October 11, 1963, advised MILTEER visited Miami, Florida, on October 10, 1963, distributing the following leaflets:

End of Kennedy, King, Khrushchev Dictatorship; Operation Survival; David Goes Forth to Meet Goliath; Why?; Defender or Defector; Liars and Easter; War Time Emergencies; Is Term "Cold War" A Lie?; and When They Take Over.

The above leaflets were critical of the United States Supreme Court and of the Government of the United States. They criticized the liberal element in the United States and championed the "Right Wing" conservatism.

AT T-2 advised MILTEER was distributing the above pamphlets to a number of trusted people throughout the United States in an attempt to have them participate in a meeting to be held at the Marott Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 19 - 20, 1963, to formulate plans to put an end to the Kennedy, King and Khrushchev Dictatorship over the nation. At this meeting a Board of Directors was to be picked to supervise and direct an "underground Army" in their respective areas. MILTEER stated "next year there is to be a lot of killing and it may be necessary to go right into the State Department and place several of the traitors (not identified by MILTEER) under citizen's arrest. If these traitors resist, they will kill them right on the spot." The above was the purpose for forming the "Underground Army."

MILTEER described MILLER GRUBBS, Louisville, Kentucky, as being a leader of the Constitution Party of the United States. T-2 identified GRUBBS as being a constitutional lawyer who also heads an organization believed to be "Citizens For Arrest of Traitors."

Confidential Informant AT T-3, on October 15, 1963, advised the Constitution Party of the United States would hold a national committee meeting at the Marott Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana, from October 19 - 21, 1963. Dr. ARTHUR G. BLAZEY, Indiana state chairman of the Constitution Party of the United States was quoted in the Indianapolis Star as stating the party was organized in Indianapolis in 1960 to "correlate the efforts of conservative votes in all states who have finally realized that we have been denied a two party system for the past thirty years." Lieutenant General Padro A. del Valle, United States Marine Corps (Retired), Annapolis, Maryland, was to be the main speaker. Dr. BLAZEY described General del Valle as being one who has not retired from the battle to serve this country from

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such enemies as the United Nations and current administration collaborators who want to strip our Republic of all defense arms and resources in order to subject our people to one-world tyranny.

Confidential Informant AT T-2, on October 30, 1963, advised that on the evening of October 18, 1963, approximately thirty individuals met at the Marott Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana. KENNETH GOFF from Colorado, who reportedly heads a group known as "Soldiers of the Cross" spoke against KENNEDY, the Government, and said that the Government is full of Communists and indicated he was not satisfied with the Constitution Party of the United States. MILTEER spoke along the same lines as GOFF and suggested having a hard core group formed to prevent the United States Government from being taken over by Communists.

On October 18, 1962, MILTEER, LEE McCLOUD, EARL LINDER and WILLIAM SOMERSETT met in Room 222 of the Marott Hotel. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and take appropriate action to prevent JAMES VENABLE, Klansman from Atlanta, Georgia, from addressing the Constitution Party of the United States. It was believed that VENABLE would be identified with the Ku Klux Klan and that this would go against their choice for President, Senator STROM THURMAN.

Confidential Informant AT T-4, on November 4, 1963, advised that on October 18 - 20, 1963, MILTEER and LEE McCLOUD roomed together in Room 220, Marott Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana. Both were attending the convention of the Constitution Party of the United States. From a conversation between MILTEER and McCLOUD, T-4 learned that McCLOUD admired JACK BROWN, Chattanooga, Tennessee. McCLOUD described BROWN as being a Klansman, and stated that he admired him more than any Klansman he had ever met. T-4 was of the opinion that McCLOUD met BROWN while en route to Indianapolis.

T-4 advised that McCLOUD stated the United States Government was spending \$10,000 monthly protecting someone in his neighborhood in Atlanta, Georgia. This person had been visited by MARTIN LUTHER KING and GUS HALL. MILTEER commented that he could kill this individual by Tuesday. MILTEER did not relish killing but he could do it. MILTEER stated he would first have to see this individual so that he would not kill the wrong man. T-4 learned that this individual was (First Name Unknown) COLE, head of the Student Non-Violent Committee, Atlanta, Georgia.

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JAMES FORMAN, Executive Secretary, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, on October 25, 1963, advised that there is no one named COLE employed by the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. COLE could possibly be identical with EARL JULIUS COLE, Negro male student of Morehouse College, Atlanta.

Chief WILLIAM R. ELLIOTT, Quitman, Georgia, Police Department, on October 25, 1963, advised the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee has not been active in the Quitman area. He knew of no one named COLE in this area that could be the object of MILTEER's threat.

T-4 advised MILTEER claimed he ran for Governor of Georgia under the Constitution Party of Georgia. MILTEER also claimed he was the Regional Director of the southeastern states of the Constitution Party of the United States.

On October 20, 1963, MILTEER was advised by the national committee of the Constitution Party that he was not entitled to use the above designation since such a title did not exist in the party. MILTEER was advised that AIKENS was the chairman of the Constitution Party of Georgia. MILTEER claimed that AIKENS was not active. MILTEER was then advised to contact AIKENS and work it out with him to get himself elected to the National Committee by the Georgia delegation. After MILTEER left the closed session of the National Committee it was indicated that the members of this committee did not trust MILTEER.

T-4 learned that MILTEER and WALLACE BUTTERWORTH were enemies and that MILTEER indicated that BUTTERWORTH was to be eliminated when the time comes.

It has been ascertained that HERBERT W. BUTTERWORTH is an officer in the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and is Secretary of the Defensive Legion of Registered Americans, Inc., which is described as an anti-Semitic and anti-Negro organization.

An article entitled "Constitutionists Develop Split" appeared in the October 23, 1963, edition of the "Indianapolis Star", Indianapolis, Indiana. This article quoted CURTIS B. DALL,

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*Don't do it*

National Chairman, Constitution Party of the United States, as stating that several hundred representatives at the above meeting indicated that they would prefer United States Senator BARRY M. GOLDWATER for their Presidential nominee. A movement against STROM THURMOND appeared when the National Committee started a move to kick out J. A. MILTEER, Quitman, Georgia, for declaring himself Regional Chairman for THURMOND in the Southeastern states. MILTEER had driven a truck plastered with signs advocating the nomination of THURMOND from Georgia. He spoke freely to the press. This rankled Colonel DALL, who considers himself spokesman.

After the threat to expel MILTEER from the party, an executive committee was held. This committee meeting was attended by MILTEER. At the conclusion of the meeting MILTEER said that DALL and the Executive Committee informed him that he could stay within party ranks but he would have to confine his activity to the State of Georgia. T-4 said that MILTEER was dejected and disgusted with the above meeting of the Constitution Party of the United States.

Confidential Informant T-2, on November 9, 1963, advised that MILTEER visited Miami, Florida, on that date. While in Miami, MILTEER advised that plans were in the making to kill President JOHN F. KENNEDY at some future date. MILTEER suggested JACK BROWN, Chattanooga, Tennessee, as the man who could do the job and indicated that he would be willing to help. While being questioned concerning the plan, MILTEER stated he was familiar with Washington and the job could be done from an office or hotel in the vicinity of the White House by using a high powered rifle. MILTEER also advised that JACK BROWN had made attempts to follow MARTIN LUTHER KING in an effort to kill KING but never did get an opportunity.

T-2, on November 12, 1963, advised MILTEER is forming a new political party as opposed to the Republican and Democratic Parties. MILTEER suggested that he is naming his new party the "American Constitutional Party" or a name similar to this. This organization will be composed of a hard core underground whose identity will be secret. KENNETH ADAMS, Anniston, Alabama, and JACK BROWN, Chattanooga, Tennessee, are to be invited to join as underground members. The organization will be used as a front and the only individual to be exposed will be MILTEER.

T-2, on November 14, 1963, made available the principles and objectives of the Constitutional American Parties of the United States as furnished by MILTEER:

"PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMERICAN PARTIES ( C A P ) OF THE UNITED STATES.

1. Uphold and defend the United States Constitution and State Rights.
2. Keep State and Church separate; Uphold right of Prayer and reading of the Holy Bible in Public Schools.
3. Demand and support a strong, well trained, armed National Armed Forces commanded by tried and proven real, red-blooded, dedicated, patriotic Americans.
4. Restore and enforce The Monroe Doctrine.
5. Uphold and defend individuals' rights to have and bear arms to protect their homes, (their castles).
6. Uphold and support Free Enterprise, - (Right to work Law).
7. Protect business in whom it may hire and fire, serve and not serve.
8. Stop Foreign Aid to all Communist Countries and their Satellites.
9. Return control of our money to Congress.
10. Cut Federal spending and reduce taxes, balance the budget.
11. Limit powers of United States Supreme Court to decisions only.

12. Limit Executive Powers of the President.
13. Seek out and remove any and all Traitors in every branch of the Federal Government wherever found.
14. Defend and support individuals' right to vote for Free Electors.
15. Work for and urge all Americans to register and vote.
16. Get the United States out of the United Nations and get the United Nations out of the United States.

For more detailed information write and send donations to

J. A. Milteer, National Chairman,  
Constitutional American Parties,  
(C A P), (The Constructive Parties)  
P. O. Box 873  
Valdosta, Ga."

T-2, on November 26, 1963, advised MILTEER departed from Jacksonville, Florida, on November 23, 1963, by automobile en route to Columbia, South Carolina. During this trip MILTEER stated he had been in Houston, Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas, as well as New Orleans, Louisiana, Biloxi and Jackson, Mississippi, and Tuscaloosa, Alabama. MILTEER said he was acquainted with R. E. DAVIS, Dallas, Texas, whom he described as a "good man." He did not indicate on what days he was in the above cities except for Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

While in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, MILTEER contacted ROBERT SHELTON, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, on the evening prior to the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, on September 15, 1963. MILTEER described SHELTON as being against violence and stated he was not dependable.

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MILTEER stated that MARTIN LUTHER KING and Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY are now unimportant. He stated their next move would be against "Big Jew" noting that there is a Communist conspiracy by the Jews to overthrow the United States Government.

T-2 advised on the morning of November 24, 1963, while at the Wade-Hampton Hotel, Columbia, South Carolina, MILTEER stated that they did not have worry about LEE HARVEY OSWALD getting caught because he "doesn't know anything" and that the "right wing" is in the clear. MILTEER stated "The patriots have outsmarted the Communists and had infiltrated the Communist group in order that they could carry out the plan without the right wingers becoming involved."

T-2, on November 26, 1963, advised MILTEER, on November 24, 1963, held a meeting in the Wade-Hampton Hotel, Columbia, South Carolina. Attending this meeting were ~~BELTON MIMS~~ and A. O. ~~BOLEN~~, members of the Association for South Carolina Klans. JACK HENDRICKS, Denmark, South Carolina, and WILL ~~ULMER~~, Orangeburg, South Carolina, also attended. MILTEER discussed the Principles and Objectives of the Constitutional American Parties of the United States. Prior to the arrival of the above persons MILTEER made notes on hotel stationery captioned, "Notice to All Christians." On these notes MILTEER stated "The Zionist Jews killed Christ two thousand years ago and on November 22, 1963, they killed President KENNEDY. You Jews killed the President. We are going to kill you." The note was signed "International Underground."

MILTEER advised the above persons that he was preparing a pamphlet which he wanted to disseminate throughout the country. In view of the recent events in Dallas, Texas, he would have to alter the information he was setting out in his pamphlet.

BELTON MIMS, in a private conversation with T-2, questioned T-2 indicating that he was not too familiar with MILTEER's activities.

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Date December 1, 1963

JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER, Quitman, Georgia, was interviewed November 27, 1963, at which time he advised that during April, 1963, he attended a national meeting of the Congress of Freedom, New Orleans, Louisiana. He described this organization as one that believed in Americanism and he attended this meeting as the result of an invitation by a Mr. THOMAS, Chairman of the organization, Omaha, Nebraska. He stated during this meeting neither he nor anyone in his presence discussed the assassination of President KENNEDY.

MILTEER stated further that in June, 1963, he went to Dallas, Texas, to attempt to persuade DAN SMOOT, author of the "Dan Smoot Report" to run as Vice-President on the Constitution Party ticket in the election in November, 1964. He stated he had no other business in Dallas.

MILTEER further stated that on October 18-20, 1963, he traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana, with BILL SOMERSET of Miami, Florida, and LEE McCLOUD of Atlanta, Georgia. They attended the National Convention of the Constitution Party. He stated he attended this meeting as the result of an invitation by CURTIS B. DALL, former son-in-law of the late President FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

MILTEER described himself as a non-dues-paying member of the White Citizens Council of Atlanta, Georgia, the Congress of Freedom and the Constitution Party.

MILTEER emphatically denies ever making threats to assassinate President KENNEDY or participating in any such assassination. He stated he has never heard anyone make such threats. He also denied making threats against anyone subsequent to the assassination of President KENNEDY. He stated he does not know, nor has he ever been in the presence of LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY to his knowledge.

MILTEER denied any knowledge of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on September 15, 1963.

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DONALD A. ADAMS :cb/saa

Date dictated 12/1/63

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T-2, on December 1, 1963, advised he met with BELTON MIMS and A. O. BOLEN of the Association for South Carolina Klans at Columbia, South Carolina, on November 28, 1963. They discussed the assassination of President KENNEDY, the Constitutional American Parties of the United States and MILTEER. MIMS and BOLEN expressed their regrets over the assassination of President KENNEDY and questioned T-2 as to whether MILTEER could have been involved. MIMS was concerned over a statement made by MILTEER that the "Right Wing" had nothing to worry about. MIMS questioned T-2 concerning the relationship between MILTEER, JACK BROWN, Chattanooga, Tennessee, KENNETH ADAMS, Anniston, Alabama, and BOB SHELTON, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. MIMS was concerned as to whether MILTEER had actually formed an underground group unknown to the Klan. MILTEER and BOLAN both stated they had agreed to join with MILTEER in a campaign to blame President KENNEDY's death on the Jews. They also indicated that they would assist MILTEER in forming the Constitutional American Parties of the United States.

T-2, on December 1, 1963, made available the following pamphlet which was prepared by MILTEER:

"WAKE UP -- CHRISTIANS"

"The Jews had Jesus killed nearly 2000 years ago. They have not changed in all this time. They, the Zionist Jews, Communists, had President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY killed in Dallas, Texas, by LEE OSWALD, November 22, 1963. LEE OSWALD, in turn, was killed by JACK RUBINSTEIN. All violence committed by left wing groups.

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"It now becomes the solemn duty of every true, red-blooded American to seek, find, expel, drive out from our country every traitor be he a Zionist Jew, Communist, or what have you.

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"Give us liberty or we'll give you death.

"International Underground"

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T-2, on December 10, 1963, furnished the following letter, which was mailed from Valdosta, Georgia, on December 9, 1963, from MILTEER:

"CONSTITUTIONAL AMERICAN PARTIES OF U. S.  
Post Office Box 873  
Valdosta, Georgia  
J. A. Milteer, National Chairman

"Dec. 9, 1963.

"Due to recent events which have taken place within our American borders that may, in time, change the course of history, and the usual holidays before us, it is deemed advisable to curtail any contemplated meetings of our Constitutional American Parties of the United States movement until early in the new year of 1964. You will be advised of any meeting which may be called for early in January, 1964.

"Since we are 'Right Wing' and it is our aim and intention to uphold and defend our United States Constitution against all enemies, both within and without our borders, we may be called before the F. B. I. for questioning relative to many things. You are advised to cooperate fully but do so on your Constitutional American Parties rights. Do not go alone for any conference or to answer any questions to any F. B. I. office. Be interviewed in your own home or office with some one present or with others present with you. Do not at any time be interviewed alone with any F. B. I. Agent or Agents.

"If a telephone call comes to you any where, your home, office or any other place requesting you to meet with some one at any certain place, street corner, building, home, business place, church, synagogue or any where, wait a few minutes and call the person who called you to arrange any such meeting to see if it is authentic and for further detailed instructions. This will verify the call and make it

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clear in your mind whether it is a frame-up or not. Then to further keep yourself in the clear, remain in your home or business place, do not go anywhere and do not meet with anybody. Frame-ups to involve any and all 'Right Wing' followers may be in the making by none other than the F. B. I. Be very cautious.

"I extend to you and your family a warm, hearty and Merry Christmas, followed with a Happy, Prosperous New Year with blessings from our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST throughout the entire 1964 year.

"Yours for the return to GOD ALMIGHTY, the BIBLE and our United States Constitution in 1964.

"/s/ J. A. Milteer."

Confidential Informant AT T-5, on December 4, 1963, advised he is acquainted with BELTON MIMS and A. O. BOLEN, members of the Association of South Carolina Klans, and WILL ULMER, Orangeburg, South Carolina. T-5 could furnish no information regarding any meeting of members of the Association of South Carolina Klans held at the Wade-Hampton Hotel, Columbia, South Carolina, on November 24, 1963. MIMS and BOLEN are members of Klavern 335, Association of South Carolina Klans, West Columbia, South Carolina. They have never given indication of advocating violence in connection with the racial issue. T-5 advised there is no group known as the Constitutional American Parties of the United States at Columbia, South Carolina.

### III. STATEMENTS MADE BY SUBJECT CONCERNING VIOLENCE AND ACTIVITY IN RACIAL SITUATIONS

Confidential Informant AT T-2, on October 11, 1963, advised MILTEER was in Miami, Florida, on October 10, 1963, distributing leaflets urging people to attend a meeting of the Constitution Party of the United States at Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 19 - 20, 1963. At this meeting MILTEER claimed that a Board of Directors was to be picked to supervise an "Underground Army." MILTEER stated

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"next year there is to be a lot of killing and it may even be necessary to go right into the State Department and place some of the Traitors, not identified by MILTEER, under citizens arrest. If these traitors resist, they will kill them right on the spot."

Confidential Informant AT T-4, on November 4, 1964, advised MILTEER, on October 18 - 20, 1963, attended the convention of the Constitution Party of the United States held at the Marott Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana. MILTEER roomed with LEE McCLOUD in Room 220 of the above hotel. McCLOUD, in a conversation with MILTEER, stated the United States Government was spending \$10,000 monthly protecting someone in his neighborhood in Atlanta. This individual had been visited by MARTIN LUTHER KING and GUS HALL. MILTEER commented that he could kill this individual by Tuesday. He did not relish killing but he could do it. He would first have to see this individual so that he would not kill the wrong man. The individual referred to was (First Name Unknown) COLE, head of the Student Nonviolent Committee, Atlanta, Georgia.

JAMES FORMAN, Executive Secretary, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, on October 25, 1963, advised that there is no one named COLE employed by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. COLE could possibly be identical with EARL JULIUS COLE, Negro male student at Morehouse College, Atlanta.

Chief WILLIAM R. ELLIOTT, Quitman, Georgia, Police Department, on October 25, 1963, advised the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee has not been active in the Quitman, Georgia, area. He knew of no one named COLE in this area that could be the object of MILTEER's threat.

Confidential Informant AT T-2, on November 9, 1963, advised MILTEER was visiting in Miami, Florida, on that date. MILTEER talked about plans in the making to kill President KENNEDY at some future date. He suggested JACK BROWN, Chattanooga, Tennessee, as being the man who could do the job and indicated that he would be willing to help. MILTEER stated he was familiar with Washington and the job could be done from an office or hotel in the vicinity of the White House by using a high powered rifle.

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T-2, on November 20, 1963, advised that MILTEER, on November 9, 1963, told him that he was forming a new political party as opposed to the Republican and Democratic Parties. This Constitutional American Parties of the United States was to be comprised of a hard core underground whose identity will be secret. KENNETH ADAMS, Anniston, Alabama, and JACK BROWN, Chattanooga, Tennessee, are to be invited to join as underground members. The organization is to be used as a front and the only individual to be exposed will be MILTEER.

T-2, on November 26, 1963, advised that MILTEER was in the Union Train Station, Jacksonville, Florida, on November 23, 1963. MILTEER stated he was very jubilate over the death of President KENNEDY. MILTEER stated "Everything ran true to form. I guess you thought I was kidding you when I said he would be killed from a window with a high powered rifle."

When questioned as to whether he was guessing when he originally made the threat regarding the President, MILTEER stated, "I don't do any guessing." Y

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NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN, also known as Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Majority Citizens League

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the klans unity of effort and activities, to establish a National Fund and a National Secretary and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Hyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

This source also advised that at a consolidation meeting at Savannah, Georgia, October 3, 1960, it was resolved and passed—that in any future meetings of this group the name "Majority Citizens League" was to be used.

A second source advised that at a national klonklave meeting at Texarkana, Texas, on February 11-12, 1961, a motion was carried that there were to be at least six national meetings a year to be held any time from one week to twelve weeks after the last meeting. The time and meeting place were to be decided by the newly elected chairman. This second source also advised that at each meeting a new chairman and acting secretary were to be elected to serve at the next meeting. A national secretary had not been appointed.

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### ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA KLANs KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (ASCK)

A source advised on September 24, 1956, that the Association of South Carolina Klans (ASCK) was organized in the Fall of 1955 and is patterned after the Association of Carolina Klans (ACK). This source said ASCK is a new organization and not a rebirth of ACK, although all high-ranking officials of ASCK had been members of ACK. The source stated announced purposes of this organization are to promote white supremacy and combat integration of the races; however, the use of violence is disavowed.

A second source advised on September 2, 1950, that ACK was composed of groups formerly members of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK) and although ACK severed all connections with AGK on November 14, 1959, the ideals, purposes and policies of the two organizations remained identical. ACK became defunct after conviction and imprisonment of its highest official and other members in 1952.

A third source advised on September 16, 1962, that ASCK continues to operate for the purpose of promoting white supremacy and combating integration by peaceful means by public speaking and propaganda.

This third source said that ASCK, using the name Majority Citizens League of South Carolina, published a monthly newspaper, "Southland Standard," from August through December, 1961, and dropped it due to lack of financial support.

AGK has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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### UNITED KLAN OF AMERICA, INC. KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLAN)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, The Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South with units in several southern states.

On August 14, 1963, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted at the National Klonvocation held July 8-1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

Second source advised that at a meeting of Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the Klaverns of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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Title      Joseph Adams Milteer

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Reference      Report of Special Agent Royal A. McGraw January 22, 1964, at Atlanta, Georgia.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

T-2, WILLIAM SOMERSETT, former Miami 607-C (RAC) is a source who has furnished reliable information in the past and has furnished some information that could not be verified or corroborated.

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